

ORDER No. 1
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSION
AND CREATION OF SIX DEPARTMENTS

From the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces in the Philippines.

To Mr. JORGE B. VARGAS.

1. You, Mr. Jorge B. Vargas, shall be the head of the central administrative organization—"Chairman of the Executive Commission,"—and shall proceed to the immediate coordination of the existing central administrative organs in the Philippines, and to the execution of administration under the commands and orders of the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces.

2. The coordination of the existing central administrative organs shall be effected according to the following rules:

a. The "Chairman of the Executive Commission" shall keep necessary offices under his direct control.

b. The central administrative organs shall be reconstituted into six departments, viz., Interior; Finance; Justice; Agriculture and Commerce; Education, Health and Public Welfare; and Public Works and Communications.

Each department shall have at its head a "Commissioner," who shall execute an administration within his jurisdiction under the control of the "Chairman of the Executive Commission."

Each department shall have a Japanese adviser and Japanese assistant advisers.

3. The Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces shall exercise jurisdiction over judicial courts.

4. A "Commissioner" for each department constituting the central administrative organization shall be appointed on your recommendation by the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces.

As regards the appointments of other important officials, including chiefs of the offices under the direct control of the "Chairman of the Executive Commission" and chiefs of local administrative organs, you shall have an approval of the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces.

5. The systems and constitutions of the departments of the central administrative organization and of judicial courts shall generally be based upon what have existed hitherto, provided that their outlines be approved by the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces.

Any important change in the above-mentioned systems and constitutions shall be effected in conformity with the foregoing paragraph.

6. In the execution of administration, the foremost importance shall be laid in satisfying the demands of the Imperial Japanese Forces and in the immediate re-establishment of peace and order; and the "Chairman of the Executive Commission" and the "Commissioners" of the departments shall comply with the orders of the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces regarding any important matters.

7. The systems and constitutions of local administrative organs shall generally be based upon what existed hitherto.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE
IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES IN THE
PHILIPPINES

January 23d, 1942 (the 17th year of Showa).

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Order No. 2
ORDER CONCERNING THE BASIC PRINCIPLES
OF EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES

February 17, 1942

Mr. JORGE B. VARGAS
Chairman of the Executive Commission
of the Philippines
Manila

In compliance with the following principles, utmost efforts should be made to renovate the education in the Philippines.

- (1) To make the people understand the position of the Philippines as a member of the East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, the true meaning of the establishment of a New Order in the sphere and the share which the Philippines should take for the realization of the New Order, and thus to promote friendly relations between Japan and the Philippines to the farthest extent.
- (2) To eradicate the old idea of the reliance upon the Western Nations, especially upon the U. S. A. and Great Britain, and to foster a new Filipino culture based on the self-consciousness of the people as Orientals.
- (3) To endeavor to elevate the morale of the people, giving up the over emphasis of materialism.
- (4) To strive for the diffusion of the Japanese language in the Philippines, and to terminate the use of English in due course.
- (5) To put an importance to the diffusion of elementary education and to the promotion of vocational education.
- (6) To inspire the people with the spirit to love labor.

NOTE.—In order to popularize the Philippine national language, Tagalog, proper means should be taken as early as possible, after a study by the Institute of National Language in the Department of Education, Health and Public Welfare.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE
IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES IN THE
PHILIPPINES

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Order No. 3
ORDER CONCERNING BASIC PRINCIPLES IN
EXERCISING LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE
AND JUDICIAL POWERS

February 20, 1942

Mr. JORGE B. VARGAS
Chairman of the Executive Commission
of the Philippines
Manila

In exercising the legislative, executive and judicial powers in the Philippines, the following rules shall be observed:

- (1) Activities of the administrative organs and judicial courts in the Philippines shall be based upon the existing statutes, orders, ordinances and customs until further orders, provided that they are not inconsistent with the present circumstances under the Japanese Military Administration.
- (2) The Executive Commission of the Philippines may enact new statutes and ordinances subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces in the Philippines.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE
IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES IN THE
PHILIPPINES

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

ORDER NO. 4
ORDER CONCERNING THE REOPENING OF
POSTAL ADMINISTRATION IN THE
PHILIPPINES

February 21, 1942

Mr. JORGE B. VARGAS
Chairman of the Executive Commission
of the Philippines
Manila

Postal administration (mails, postal money order and postal savings bank) should be governed, for the time being, in accordance with the following rules:

1. The management of the postal administration shall be so directed as to comply with those requirements necessary for the military operation of the Imperial Japanese Forces, for the restoration of peace and order, for the stabilization of civilian livelihood and for establishing the ways and means for the full exploitation of important natural resources.
2. The former system of postal administration is to be continued in principle, with a certain degree of modification to meet with the actual situation.
3. The Imperial Japanese Forces may, if necessary, appoint superintendents and attach them to appropriate offices.
4. A system of censorship should be established in certain post offices under the guidance of the Japanese Military Police, and all postal matters should in principle be subjected to censorship.
5. Postal charges as well as rates of interest on postal savings shall be, for the time being, same as hitherto.
6. Before reopening the services of postal money order and the savings bank, necessary preparations such as setting a limit in the amount of money to be withdrawn, shall be made in order to smoothly carry out the work.
7. As to the details which are necessary for handling the postal administration, they shall be notified separately.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE
IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES IN THE
PHILIPPINES

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

ORDER NO. 5
GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF ADMINISTRATION

February 24, 1942

Hon. JORGE B. VARGAS
Chairman of the Executive Commission
Manila
SIR:

It is hereby instructed that the administration be executed in compliance with the guiding principles of administration hereto attached.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE IMPERIAL
JAPANESE FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Reference: GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF ADMINISTRATION

Order No. 6
ORDER CONCERNING THE RESUMPTION OF
THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL
POWER CORPORATION

March 7, 1942

To Mr. JORGE B. VARGAS
Chairman of the Executive Commission
of the Philippines
Manila

The construction work of the Caliraya River Hydro-electric project which is one of the main enterprises of the National Power Corporation should, under the instruction and supervision of the Imperial Japanese Forces, be resumed immediately, and be completed as promptly as possible in accordance with the following rules:

1. Efforts should be made to complete the above-mentioned work before the end of June, 1942, on the following basis:

The height of the dams and embankments shall be limited to 36 meters, which is the height adopted, and the under mentioned works should be completed by that date:

- (a) Grouting of diversion tunnel.
- (b) Grouting of waterway structure.
- (c) Completion of installation of power plant equipment and telephone system.
- (d) Installation of spillway gate and operating mechanism.
- (e) Provisional construction of diversion plug.
- (f) Completion of penstock valve house.

2. The former Electric Power Committee should be dissolved, and the former organization of the Corporation should be reconstituted in order to reduce as far as possible the number of personnel necessary for carrying out the work.

The important personnel shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Executive Commission subject to the approval of the Director-General of the Japanese Military Administration.

3. The work should be carried on under the guidance of a supervisor who will be sent by the Imperial Japanese Forces for the purposes of instructing and supervising the construction work as well as the management of the enterprises of the Corporation.

4. Salaries to the former employees, who will be engaged in the present work under the supervision of the Imperial Japanese Forces, will be fixed according to the standard newly regulated.

5. Further instructions will in due course be given as to other enterprises of the National Power Corporation and the future management thereof.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE
IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES IN THE
PHILIPPINES

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Order No. 7
ORDER CONCERNING THE USE OF PRISONS
OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE IMPRISONMENT
OF PERSONS SENTENCED
UNDER MILITARY LAWS

March 10, 1942

To Mr. JORGE B. VARGAS
Chairman of the Executive Commission
of the Philippines
Manila

In case of necessity, the Imperial Japanese Forces will detain in prisons of the Philippines persons sentenced according to the Japanese military laws and regulations. The Executive Commission of the Philippines shall make all necessary arrangements, including provision for the guarding and the clothing and subsistence of said prisoners, in accordance with such instructions as may be given by the Chief of the Japanese Military Administration to the Commissioner of the Department of Justice.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE
IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES IN THE
PHILIPPINES

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Order No. 8
ADOPTING THE CENTRAL STANDARD TIME
OF JAPAN AS STANDARD TIME OF
THE PHILIPPINES

February 10, 1942

Hon. JORGE B. VARGAS
Chairman of the Executive Commission
Manila
SIR:

I wish to advise you that beginning midnight of February 11, 1942, I have adopted the Central Standard Time of Japan (Longitude East 135°, the Meridian Standard Time) as standard time of the Philippines and that this instruction be announced to the public officially by an executive order.

Respectfully,

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE
IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES IN THE
PHILIPPINES

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Order No. 9
ESTABLISHMENT OF LEGAL HOLIDAYS IN
THE PHILIPPINES

March 18, 1942

Hon. JORGE B. VARGAS
Chairman of the Executive Commission

SIR:

You are advised to establish legal holidays in the Philippines as follows and to issue necessary executive order on this matter:

1.	New Year's Day	
2.	Kigen-setu	February 11th
3.	Holy Thursday and Holy Friday	
4.	Tencho-setu	April 29th
5.	Meiji-setu	November 3rd
6.	National Heroes Day	November 30th
7.	Christmas Day	December 25th
8.	Rizal Day	December 30th
9.	Sundays	

Respectfully,

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE
IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES IN THE
PHILIPPINES

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Order No. 10
LOAN OF ₱5, 909,000 TO COVER PROBABLE
DEFICIT OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE
ORGANIZATION

March 30, 1942

The Honorable JORGE B. VARGAS
Chairman of the Executive Commission
Manila
SIR:

The Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces has, for the purpose of covering the probable deficit of the Central Administrative Organization, ordered the Yokohama Specie Bank to credit to the account of the Philippine National Bank the sum of ₱5,909,000 and, in connection therewith, the Chairman of the Executive Commission is hereby ordered to comply with the instructions of the Director-General of the Japanese Military Administration regarding the terms and conditions under which the funds within the amount stated above may be withdrawn from the Philippine National Bank.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE
IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES IN THE
PHILIPPINES

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Order No. 11
BUDGET FOR THE PHILIPPINE EXECUTIVE
COMMISSION FOR THE MONTHS OF
MAY AND JUNE, 1942

May 29, 1942

JORGE B. VARGAS, Esq.
Chairman, Philippine Executive Commission
Manila

SIR:

The Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces has fixed the budget of the Philippine Executive Commission for the months of May and June, as shown in the attached sheets.

It is so ordered.

Very respectfully,

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE JAPANESE
MILITARY ADMINISTRATION

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Order No. 12
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR MAY AND
JUNE, 1942, AND PAYMENT OF THE
₱200,000 LOAN FOR RELIEF IN
THE VISAYAS

June 10, 1942

The Honorable
The CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSION
Manila
SIR:

The following items have been supplemented in the Budget for the months of May and June, under Order No. 11:

Re: *Supplementary Budget (Order No. 12-A)*

EXPENDITURES

F. Department of Education, Health and Public Welfare

III. SPECIAL PURPOSES

15. For relief work for the people of the Visayan Islands	200,000
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REVENUES

Loan from the Imperial Japanese Army	₱200,000
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Re: *Payment of loan (Order No. 12-B)*

The payment of loan amounting to ₱200,000 secured from the Imperial Japanese Army as relief fund for the people of the Visayan Islands, shall be made in similar way as the payment of ₱5,909,000 loaned to the Executive Commission in connection with the Budget for the months from January to April, 1942.

Respectfully,

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE JAPANESE
MILITARY ADMINISTRATION

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Order No. 13
HEIGHT OF DYKES IN THE CALIRAYA RIVER
HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT OF THE
NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION

MANILA, *June 12, 1942*

Hon. JORGE B. VARGAS
Chairman of the Executive Commission
SIR:

This is to inform you that the order is hereby given so as to make the height of dykes in the Caliraya River hydro-electro project thirty-eight (38) meters, adding two (2) meters to the completed existing height of thirty-six (36) meters.

Respectfully,

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE JAPANESE
MILITARY ADMINISTRATION

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Order No. 15
DISPOSITION OF FILIPINOS WHO HAVE DE-
SERTED THE USAFFE (WHO HAVE NOT
BEEN MADE PRISONERS OF WAR)

September 7, 1942

Hon. JORGE B. VARGAS
Chairman of the Executive Commission
Manila

I wish to inform you that the above subject shall be dealt with in accordance with the principles set forth in the attached sheet.

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
JAPANESE MILITARY ADMINISTRATION

Reference: Principles for the disposition of Filipinos who have deserted the USAFFE (who have not been made prisoners of war).

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Order No. 16
TYPHOON RELIEF FUND

November 22, 1942

The Honorable
The CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSION
Manila

You are hereby ordered to release the following amount as typhoon relief fund in Legaspi District out of the reserve fund of the Philippine Commission:

Albay	₱10, 000.00
Sorsogon	20,000.00
Tayaba	20,000.00
Total	₱50,000.00

You are also directed to advise the governors of the provincial governments concerned to determine the actual use of the said relief fund under the direction and guidance of the Director of the Branch Office of the Japanese Military Administration at Legaspi.

DIRECTOR GENERAL
JAPANESE MILITARY ADMINISTRATION

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